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Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 12, 2002, and the telephone interview courteously granted by the Examiner to Applicant's representative on February 19, 2003, and the telephone interview conducted on March 18, 2003 with the Examiner, the Examiner's Supervisor and Applicant's representatives, please enter this Response in the above-identified patent application.

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